

Art Analysis

DIRECTIONS – Artifacts such as artwork can be made available to people in multiple ways including online. During this activity, you will analyze or study an image of an artwork from the Autry’s Collections Online using the following steps.

STEP 1 – Look closely at the image of the artwork. Then describe what you see by answering the questions in the chart below. Write your answers in the space provided or on a separate document.

ART ANALYSIS QUESTIONS	MY DESCRIPTION
What colors do you see on the artwork?	
What shapes do you see on the artwork?	
What images (animals, people, places, plants, things, etc.) do you see on the artwork?	
What do your eyes focus on in the artwork? Why?	
How does the artwork make you feel (calm, excited, happy, sad, etc.)? Why?	
What else do you notice about the artwork?	

Make a sketch (a simple and quick drawing) of the artwork.

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STEP 2 – Analyze the artwork by thinking about what its medium is. Is it a basket, ceramic, collage, drawing, mixed media, painting, photograph, print, sculpture, textile, video, etc.? Write what you think the artwork’s medium is in the space below or on a separate document. Explain your thinking.

I think the artwork is a/an _____
because _____

STEP 3 – Think about what questions you have about the artwork. Examples of questions might include: Who made the artwork? What date was the artwork made? What materials was the artwork made of? Write your questions in the space below or on a separate document.

Question #1: _____

Question #2: _____

Question #3: _____

Question #4: _____

STEP 4 – Read the detailed information about the artwork to see if you can find out what its medium is, to learn more about the artwork, and to see if you can find the answers to any of your questions from **STEP 3**. Then write what you learned about the artwork in the space below or on a separate document. (Remember - the medium can be a basket, ceramic, collage, drawing, mixed media, painting, photograph, print, sculpture, textile, video, etc.)

The artwork is a/an _____

One thing I learned about the artwork is _____

Another thing I learned about the artwork is _____

STEP 5 – Why do you think the artist chose to create the artwork using this particular medium? Write your answer to this question in the space below or on a separate document.

I think the artist chose to create the artwork using this particular medium because _____

STEP 6 – Show the sketch you made of the artwork in **STEP 1** to a classmate, family member, friend, teacher, or someone else. Then share what you learned about the artwork with them.